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Five School Improvement Councils named finalists for annual state Riley Award for SIC Excellence

COLUMBIA – Five South Carolina School Improvement Councils (SICs) have been named statewide 2022 award finalists for their accomplishments in parent and civic engagement within their school communities.

The SC School Improvement Council's annual Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence was created in 2002 to recognize the significant contributions made to public education by more than 12,000 local SIC members who volunteer in the state's 1,100-plus K-12 public schools.

In alphabetical order, this year's Riley Award finalists are:

- Bookman Road Elementary SIC (Richland School District Two)
- Greer Middle SIC (Greenville County Schools)
- Joseph Keels Elementary SIC (Richland School District Two)
- Leavelle McCampbell Middle SIC (Aiken County Public School District)
- Millwood Elementary SIC (Sumter School District)

"Congratulations to these SICs on this recognition of their outstanding efforts on behalf of their schools and students," said SC-SIC Board of Trustees Chair Robert Grant. "Their achievement is evidence of the meaningful impact that parents, educators, students, and community members can make when they work collaboratively on shared goals."

The winner of this year's Riley Award will be selected from this year's finalists by an independent panel of reviewers and announced during a virtual award ceremony in April.

The SC-SIC Riley Award for SIC Excellence is named in honor of former SC Governor and U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley and his late wife, Tunky, and recognizes the couple's longstanding commitment to quality public education.

Part of the Center for Educational Partnerships within the University of South Carolina College of Education, the SC School Improvement Council (SC-SIC) was established in state law 45 years ago to provide the member training, technical assistance, statutory accountability, and other operational resources necessary for the continued success of the community-based SICs in each of the state's K-12 public schools. Additional information on SC-SIC's programmatic efforts can be found online at <https://sic.sc.gov>.

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